TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY TRIVANDRUM

PROCEEDINGS of THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

FIRST ASSEMBLY

EIGHTH SESSION—1936/1111.

Wednesday, the 22nd July 1936/7th Karkatakam 1111.

A joint sitting of the Sri Chitra State Council and the Sri Mulam Assembly met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, at Eleven of the Clock, the President, Khan Bahadur Nawab Sir Muhammad Habibullah Sahib Bahadur, K. C. S. I.; K. C. I. E.; KT., LL. D., Dewan of Travancore, presiding.

OATH OF OFFICE.

(The Secretary to the Sri Chitra State Council called out Rao Bahadur **A.** Rengaswami Aiyar, Financial Secretary to Government, to take the oath).

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Sir, there is no item in the agenda for 'swearing in'. Also, I do not know whether in a joint session, a member can take the oath as a member of either the Assembly or the State Council. That formal doubt arises. I wish to clear these doubts.

PRESIDENT: It is found that the Financial Secretary, who has got to present the Budget Estimates today to this House, is not a member of either Chamber at the present moment. Merely for the purpose of removing that defect and enabling the Financial Secretary to do what has to be done under the rules, to-day he is being permitted to be sworn in. But there is nothing in the rules prohibiting the Financial Secretary to discharge his duty. That must be admitted. Nor can this be regarded as a precedent for the future. It was that unfortunate defect which exists at the present moment that is sought to be removed. There is nothing very irregular about it.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Municipal Councils*): Is it not open to an official member of a House to address either of the two Houses.

PRESIDENT: Yes.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Municipal Councils*): In that case why should he take the oath now?

PRESIDENT: Unfortunately the Financial Secretary is not a member of either House.

G. P. T. 2434—350—10-2-1112.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Municipal Councils*): But when he is sworn in he becomes a member of one of the two Houses.

PRESIDENT: Yes. That is why he is being asked to take the oath.

Rao Bahadur A. Rengaswami Aiyar then took the oath and signed the rolls.

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, I rise to present the Budget Estimates and the usual financial statements for the year 1112.

Before reviewing the financial position for the current and ensuing years, I shall, as usual, explain briefly the results of the last completed financial year (1110).

ACTUALS 1110.

2. The ordinary revenue and expenditure charged to revenue for the year 1110 were Rs 227·02 lakhs and Rs 231·47 lakhs respectively against the revised estimates of Rs 238·44 lakhs and Rs 232·95 lakhs. The year thus closed with a deficit of Rs 4·45 lakhs as against a revenue surplus of Rs ·49 of a lakh anticipated in the revised estimates.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): May I know whether the rules permit any one else to read the speech of the Financial Secretary?

PRESIDENT: The speech is being read now.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Municipal Councils*): Can it not be taken as read, Sir?

PRESIDENT: Please raise your voice a bit, Mr. Rengaswami Aiyar.

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Yes, Sir.

This was the result of a fall in the anticipated revenue by Rs 6·42 lakhs offset by a saving in expenditure of Rs 1·48 lakhs.

The fall in revenue was mainly under Land Revenue (3·34), Excise (1·77), Excise duty on matches (·53), Stamps (1·66), Registration (·41), Interest (·86) and Miscellaneous (·48). Under Land Revenue, the decrease was due to the several measures of relief granted to ryots such as seasonal and general remissions and the grant of extension of time for the payment of tax due for 1110 to the end of Kanni 1111. The fall under Excise was under "Tobacco", due mainly to the decrease in consumption as a result of rise in the price of Coimbatore tobacco. The Excise Duty on matches actually received was less than that anticipated. Under Stamps and Registration the fall in revenue was due to the prevailing economic depression. Under Interest, the fall was under "Interest on investments,—Shares and Deposits in Industrial Concerns." The revenue under Taxes on Income, and Buildings, Communications, etc. was however better than the revised estimates by Rs ·97 of a lakh and Rs ·71 of a lakh respectively.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly